

recognize him, as the only Head of the Church Universal to work together in harmony and love for the extension of his kingdom and the good of the world; and this Assembly earnestly desires to commend and promote this Christian co-operation, and also practically to advance the cause of church union by confederation, and, where possible, by consolidation among the Churches of the Reformed Faith, which are most nearly akin in doctrine and organization."

The committee has endeavored in all its work to advance the high ideals expressed in this deliverance of the General Assembly, remembering the words of the Holy Ghost through the Apostle Paul, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all."

The following resolutions were submitted for adoption:

"That the General Assembly reaffirm its sympathy with the purposes of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"That the General Assembly again advises its representatives on the Federal Council to advocate caution in connection with action upon all subjects which are upon the border line of the jurisdiction of the State and the Church, in particular, as there is present need for this caution owing to the international complications of the great war.

"That the General Assembly again declares that, in view of the doctrinal basis of the Federal Council, and of the agreement of the constituent Churches as to fundamentals, the representatives and the officers of the Council should not criticize in public the distinctive doctrines of the several constituent Churches or the doctrines which they hold in common.

"That the Committee on Church Co-operation and Union is hereby authorized, as during past years, to represent the General Assembly in all matters dealing with the affairs of the Federal Council, and in particular, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council."

The Disciples of Christ.

The Committee on Church Co-operation and Union of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and the Commission on Christian Union of the Disciples of Christ unite in this joint declaration and agreement as to matters of common interest.

1. Both Churches admit to the Lord's table all persons who have made profession of faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ as the only divine Saviour, and have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. Both Churches recognize the right of each Church to ordain persons to the ministry of the Word in accordance with the conditions named by each Church respectively, and maintain that the ministry of the Word is an office of the Church Universal. They further unite in the judgment that ministers of the word have the right to perform the functions of their sacred office as opportunity may afford.

3. Both Churches hold that the officers of a local church are elders and deacons.

4. Both Churches hold that all persons who believe in, follow, and obey Jesus Christ as the divine Lord and Saviour, are members of the Christian Church Universal and Catholic.

5. Both Churches hold that the Holy Scriptures are the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Where the Scriptures speak, we speak. Where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent.

The following resolution was submitted for adoption:

"That the General Assembly authorizes the Committee on Church Co-operation and Union to continue to confer with the Commission on Christian Unity of the Disciples of Christ, with a view to closer relations."

The present proposal for closer union between the several Churches of the Presbyterian household in the United States of America is dependent upon the action of at least four Churches that are in the membership of the Council of the Reformed Churches in America holding the Presbyterian system. We are gratified to report that the following five supreme judicatories have agreed to the proposal for closer co-operation made by the said Council to them, as follows:

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod.

The World Conference on Faith and Order.

The movement for this conference is, from the doctrinal viewpoint, of such importance that it will be helpful, to the understanding of its significance, to print in full a list of the churches which have agreed to its assembling. The emphatic point is, that these churches have assented as churches, to the proposal for the world conference, on the doctrinal basis that Jesus Christ is God and Saviour. The whole of the English-speaking Protestant world, whatever the origin, character or polity of the churches, is a unit by their joint action in maintenance of the absolute deity of our Lord and Saviour.

Two members of the delegation from this Church, Rev. Drs. McKibbin and Moffat, have prepared a statement with reference to its spirit and work.

The members of the North American Conference, in preparation for the World Conference on Faith and Order, were fully and officially qualified to represent the churches which had sent them. They gathered to discharge duties and exercise functions which had been assigned to them by the constituent bodies from which they came. The basis upon which they met was clearly understood; to use the language of Mr. Robert H. Gardiner, secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Commission: "The restriction of the conference to those communions throughout the world which confess our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour must be made plain," and the reason for such a basis was an "attempt not simply to promote kindly feeling, or good fellowship, or even good works, but to reunite all Christians in the one living body of the one Lord, both God and man, incarnate, crucified, risen from the dead, and ascended on high, living to-day, the head over all things to the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

The following resolutions were offered for adoption:

"The Assembly approves of the steps thus far taken by the Committee on Church Co-operation and Union, in the matter of the movement for the World Conference on Faith and Order proposed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S., provided, however, that any agreement made by the committee shall not be binding upon the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., until there shall have been report made thereon to the General Assembly and its approval secured.

"That the General Assembly advises

that the committee should continue to decline to determine any questions as to faith and order, but should deal only with plans and methods preparatory to the World Conference.

"That, pending the continuance of the movement for a World Conference on Faith and Order under the direction of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, that it is unwise for any other body to take steps for an official World Congress of all Christian Churches."

The resolutions and report as a whole were adopted.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Assembly took the following action:

"Resolved, That the General Assembly hereby reiterates its emphatic condemnation of the Sabbath newspaper, and urges the members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to refuse to subscribe for it or read it or advertise in it.

"That the General Assembly respectfully requests the faculties of colleges and seminaries, if the way be clear, to omit recitations on Monday mornings, so as to leave the Sabbath free from the felt necessity of some of the students to prepare their lessons on that day or to return on the Lord's day from week-end absence from their schools.

UNION SEMINARY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

One of the interesting gatherings during the meeting of the Assembly at Orlando was the banquet of the Union Seminary Alumni. This was under charge of Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., the Seminary's honored and beloved president. Rev. Dr. W. McF. Alexander, the retiring moderator of the Assembly, presided and introduced the speakers in his own happy way.

Of those present the following 59 were members of the Assembly:

W. McF. Alexander, J. G. Anderson, W. W. Bain, W. L. Barber, John T. Barr, C. C. Beam, R. D. Campbell, W. W. Carson, P. C. Clark, W. C. Clark, P. S. Crane, Wm. Denham, A. H. Doak, G. P. Duff, Joseph Dunglinson, A. D. B. Gilmour, J. W. Goodman, Jas. R. Graham, F. W. Gray, W. C. Hagan, W. A. Hall, J. J. Harrell, J. A. Herndon, H. M. Jenkins, A. G. Jones, R. F. Kirkpatrick, R. H. McCaslin, D. F. McConnell, E. W. McCorkle, A. M. McLaughlin, J. D. McLean, R. A. McLeod, R. M. Mann, L. W. Mathews, J. S. Mauze, J. C. Malloy, L. S. Moore, J. B. Moton, Geo. W. Oldham, H. W. Pratt, D. H. Rolston, Lyman F. Ross, R. Q. See, A. W. Shaw, W. M. Shaw, J. A. Simpson, J. H. Smith, J. S. Smith, R. M. Stinson, J. W. Stokes, J. C. Story, C. R. Stribling, J. N. H. Summerell, Geo. B. Thompson, Willis Thompson, R. A. White, T. S. Wilson, T. E. P. Woods.

These seventeen were present at the banquet but not members of the Assembly: W. S. Campbell, R. H. Fleming, V. H. Starbuck, S. Q. Hutton, J. D. Leslie, T. C. Timms, W. H. Miley, S. H. Chester, Jno. F. Cannon, B. M. Shive, W. W. Moore, A. S. Johnson, R. D. Dodge, J. R. Bridges, David M. Sweets, R. S. Telford, M. B. Porter.

These six were present at the Assembly but left before the banquet: Egbert W. Smith, Jas. I. Vance, Robt. C. Anderson, Walter L. Linle, Jno. I. Armstrong, Jos. Duglingson.

The total number of Union Alumni in attendance upon the Assembly was 82.

The blessing was asked by Rev. R. H. Fleming, D. D. Appropriate speeches were made by:

Dr. W. W. Moore, Dr. W. McF. Alexander, Dr. D. H. Rolston, Dr. W. H. Miley, Dr. J. L. Mauze, Dr. A. D. P. Gilmour, Dr. J. R. Bridges, Rev.

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J. W. Stokes, Dr. A. G. Jones, Dr. J. C. Molloy, Dr. Jno. F. Cannon.

This reunion gave old friends a pleasant opportunity of meeting each other, and it gave to those who did not know each other the opportunity of becoming acquainted.

THE VOLUNTEER TEACHERS' FUND, FLOYD COUNTY, VA.

With the summer of 1916 this fund makes its third appeal to its friends in the Church. It was originated for the purpose of meeting the actual expenses for travel and board of the teachers serving during the summer months the Harris Mountain Schools of Floyd County, Va. Last summer the services of seven teachers were made possible by the gifts of generous friends. At the Cannaday School, one of the Harris Mountain Schools, there was an enrolment of 110 children, and an average attendance of over seventy-five scholars. At the Shooting Creek School, another Harris Mountain school, there were good results also in evidence. A meeting recently held at this place has resulted in four members of the church, the first Presbyterians on Shooting Creek, and twenty additional professions of faith. Volunteer teachers have been secured for the three months of the summer. They will teach the children of the hills without salary and for the love of their work. Funds are now needed for their personal expenses. For \$10.00 a teacher can be kept in the school one month. Contributions should be designated for the Volunteer Teachers Fund, and can be sent to Rev. D. J. Woods, Treasurer, Blacksburg, Va.

What we have we must leave at the threshold of the grave. What we are goes with us into the other world. Riches will drop from our dying hands into the grasp of others. Character passes with us into the presence of God.—Bishop Boyd Carpenter.

All trust imposed in an unworthy object makes it harder to trust in what is worthy.